

REMARKS

Claim 13 is rewritten in independent form to secure allowance of claims 13-16. No rejections are listed as to claims 23-24 and since they depend from allowed claim 22, they too are assumed to now be in allowable condition.

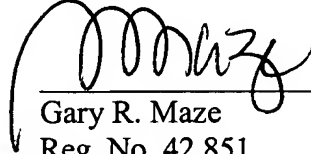
This leaves claims 1 and 2 rejected as anticipated in view of Strudel USP 4,337,634. In applying this reference the Examiner notes that the adjustable swage is not placed in the downhole environment but simply refers to use downhole for the tubular, presumably in the preamble. To make things that are implicit to the Examiner explicit, the word downhole is added to the claim in a manner that makes it clear that Strudel has nothing to do with what is claimed. Strudel has no adjustment capability once it is in use. The rods 6 can be adjusted to a different set dimension before the tube is moved over the swage in the direction T. There is only one size of expansion possible while the tube advances over the swage or even if the swage is pushed through the tube. The fact that Strudel can be set at different expanded sizes before swaging does not anticipate this claim that envisions different swaging dimensions while the swage is in the tubular. Strudel can't do this.

It is further clear that Strudel is about expansion of thin wall tubing. His main concern is advancing a tube over the expander. Just look at the type of products the assignee of this patent sells at <http://www.lindauer-dornier.com/english/index.htm> under "Products". They have not a thing to do with downhole. It is submitted that when this reference is properly placed in context in the industry from which it arises it can be readily concluded that a skilled artisan in the downhole tubular arts would scarcely look at this type of art for ideas on how to expand oilfield tubulars. Apart from that, the Strudel reference can't adjust expanded size while in use. It must be taken out of the tubular and manually reset to expand to a different size. In claim 1 the adjustment can be made with the body in the tubular during expansion. Strudel simply can't do this.

Claims 1 and 2 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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